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In re application of: Paolo M.B. Tiramani, John A. Bozak, Soohyun Ham  
Application No.: 09/623,283 Group No.: 3727  
Filed: December 1, 2000 Examiner:  
For: HARD-SIDED LUGGAGE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST  
(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified application,

**REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

**NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY**

the following practitioner is hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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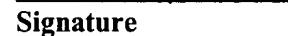
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## ASSIGNEE STATEMENT

Attached to this power is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)."

Date: *October 1 2003*



**Signature**

500 Group, Inc.

**Assignee**

Paolo M.B. Tiramani

President



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)--  
ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**

1. The assignee(s) of the entire right, title and interest hereby seek(s) to take action in the PTO in this matter.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE**

2. Name of assignee: 500 Group, Inc.  
Type of assignee: Corporation

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**PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

3. Name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee: Paolo M.B. Tiramani  
Title of person authorized to sign: President

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#### BASIS OF ASSIGNEE'S INTEREST

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

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1. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the matter identified above, which was recorded in the PTO at Reel 011380 Frame 0437.

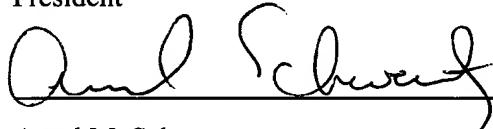
#### Copies of DOCUMENTS IN CHAIN OF TITLE

Copies of the assignment(s) or other document(s) in the chain of title are attached as follows:

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Signature of authorized person

Paolo M.B. Tiramani  
President



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## *Assignment*

WHEREAS, we, PAOLO M.B. TIRAMANI; JOHN A. BOZAK; and SOOHYUN HAM, residing at 28 Dairy Road, Greenwich, CT 06830; 159 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT 06830; and 121A Towne Terrace, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in IMPROVEMENTS IN HARD-SIDED LUGGAGE for which we filed Application Serial No. 09/623,283, having a filing date of August 31, 2000;

AND WHEREAS 500 GROUP, INC., a New York corporation having its principal office at Harbor Square, 700 Canal Street, Stamford, CT 06902 (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof including all priority rights under the International Convention associated therewith for each country and the Union, said Assignee to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. We covenant that we are the lawful owners of the said application, inventions, and improvements, that the same are unencumbered, that no license has been granted to make, use, or vend the said inventions or improvements or any of them, and that we have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, we agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or the representatives thereof any facts known to us respecting said inventions and improvements, and will, upon request, but without expense to us, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue, continuation, renewal, and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said Assignee or by counsel for said Assignee, to assist or

enable said Assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon our heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said Assignee.

EXECUTED Nov. 22, 2000.

(SEAL)

PAOLO M.B. TIRAMANI

SHIRLEY A. SCHULZ

NOTARY PUBLIC

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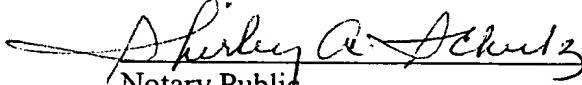
State of Connecticut :

: ss.

County of Suffield :

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared, PAOLO M.B. TIRAMANI who acknowledged that he is the person who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 22 day of Nov, 2000.

  
Notary Public

SHIRLEY A. SCHULZ

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APR. 30, 2004

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JOHN A. BOZAK

(SEAL)

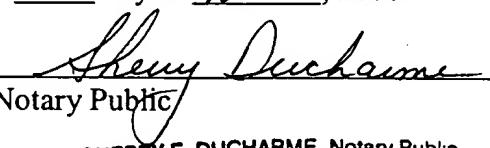
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared JOHN A. BOZAK who acknowledged that he is the person who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 10 day of Nov, 2000.

  
Notary Public

SHERRY E. DUCHARME, Notary Public  
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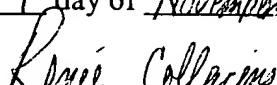
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SOOHYUN HAM (SEAL)

State of California :  
: ss.  
County of Santa Cruz :

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared SOOHYUN HAM who acknowledged <sup>her</sup> that she is the person who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged it to be <sup>her</sup> free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 27 day of November, 2000.

  
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Notary Public

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